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Dentist's warning over Love Island contestant's winning smile

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LOVE Island contestant Connor Durman astonished viewers with his incredibly bright pearly whites when he entered the dating show villa on Sunday.

The coffee bean salesman from Worthing admitted his new gnashers were the result of recent treatment in Thailand – and said he had been far more lucky in love since having the teeth put in.

But now a dentist has warned youngsters looking to follow in the 25-yearold's footsteps against the procedure.

Dr Christopher Orr, owner of Advanced Dental Practice in London, has examined before and after pictures of Connor and said he appears to have had veneers.

He said: "Young people like Connor should not undertake treatments which involve a lot of removal of natural tooth tissue.

"My main concern is he does not know the lifelong maintenance needed for this type of work.

"Veneers can be an excellent treatment in the right situation but, like every treatment, they have their pros and cons. Regardless of who does it, nothing lasts forever and veneers, crowns and more will need to be replaced several times over the person's lifetime.

"So it makes sense not to do these things if there are more conservative alternatives available, especially in younger patients."

Dr Orr also warned that anyone who has had dental treatment abroad, such as veneers, crowns or implants, may not be eligible for treatment on the NHS if they have a problem later on down the line.

He also advised people to research the dentist they were trusting with their teeth. He said: "If you do decide to choose a dentist abroad, it is better to rely on a recommendation rather than an internet search engine which is what Connor said he has done.

"It is important to check them out and ask about their level of experience in carrying out the kind of treatment they propose."



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